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SUMMARY: NORDISK KELLOGG'S A/S HAS PRESENTED NEW CASE OF TRADE DIVERSION CAUSED BY RESTRICTIVE EC/EFTA RULES OF ORIGIN. CASE INVOLVES THE USE OF U.S. MANUFACTURED HONEY-BAKE (GRANULATED HONEY) FOR THE PRODUCTION OF MUESLI (CEREAL) ULTIMATELY DESTINED PRIMARILY FOR NORWAY AND SWEDEN (EFTA COUNTRIES). KELLOGG'S HAS PREVIOUSLY PESENTED CASE ON THE USE OF NORTH AMERICAN CORN FOR THE PRODUCTION OF CORNFLAKES ALSO DESTINED FOR EFTA COUNTREIS (REFTEL). END SUMMARY.

1. NORDISK KELLOGG'S A/S HAS PRESENTED EMBASSY WITH NEW LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CASE OF TRADE DIVERSION CAUSED BY RESTRICTIVE EC/EFTA RULES OF ORIGIN (R/O). CASE INVOLVES THE USE OF U.S. PRODUCED HONEY-BAKE (GRANULATED HONEY) FOR THE PRODUCTION OF MUESLI (CEREAL OF SWISS RECEIPE ORIGIN) OF WHICH A MAJOR PART OF THE PRODUCTION IS EXPORTED TO PRIMARILY NORWAY AND SWEDEN.

- 2. THE DANISH CUSTOMS AUTHORITIES CLASSIFY HONEY-BAKE UNDER THE SAME CCCN 21.07 AS THE FINISHED PRODUCT, THUS THE USE OF U.S. PRODUCED HONEY-BAKE RESULTS IN ASSESSMENT OF CUSTOMS DUTIES UPON IMPORTS INTO EFTA COUNTRIES, IN THIS CASE PRIMARILY NORWAY, WHERE A DUTY OF 30 PERCENT IS ASSESSED. THERE IS NO LIST B RELAXATION RELATING TO CCCN 21.07. THE ASSESSMENT OF CUSTOMS DUTIES RESULTING FROM R/O APPLICATION IN THIS CASE PROHIBITS THE USE OF U.S. MADE HONEY-BAKE.
- 3. THE LOSS TO THE U.S. SUPPLIER IS VALUED AT AROUND \$40,000 ANNUALLY. HOONEY-BAKE IS SUPPLIED BY FOOD TECHNOLOGY INC., 5903 NW HIGHWAY, CHICAGO, ILLIONOIS 60631, THROUGH HIS BRITISH AGENT MANLEY PURE FOODS LIMITED, LONDON.
- 4. KELLOGG'S ADVISED EMBASSY THAT SO FAR THEY HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO FIND ALTERNATIVE SUPPLIERS WITHIN THE EC AREA. KELLOGG'S CONSIDERS HONEY-BAKE SUPERIOR TO SIMILAR PRODUCTS AND CONVERSION TO OTHER PRODUCTS WOULD INVOLVE HEAVY COSTS IN THE PRODUCTION PROCESS. KELLOGG'S TOLD US THAT THEY HAVE APPEALED THE DANISH CUSTOMS RULING TO THE EC COMMISSION, ASKING FOR RECLASSIFICATION OF HONEY-BAKE OR, ALTERNATIVELY, A WAIVER FROM R/O REQUIREMENTS.

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5. EMBASSY SUGGESTS THAT ABOVE CASE BE ADDED TO THE PRESENT R/O CASES NEGOTIATED IN THE MTN. MANSHEL

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